

ABSTRACT

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19th Century

Three Part House, Lappans Crossroads

Tilghmanton

private

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Three Part House, Lappans Crossroads

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1/4 mile east of Lappans Crossroads

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Tilghmanton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Fred A. Shank, et al

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route # 1

CITY, TOWN

Boonsboro

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21713**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE  
Maryland 21740**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust Survey #2051

DATE

Summer 1967

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE  
Maryland 21404

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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This farm complex is located at the end of a private lane, north of Maryland route 68 about 1/4 mile east of Lappans Crossroads in Washington County, Maryland. The house is situated on a slight rise of ground and faces south.

The dwelling is a two story, five bay stone and rock faced concrete block structure with a brick cased log wing extending at right angles from the rear or north elevation of the main structure. The walls of the stone portion of the house are constructed of roughly coursed local limestone cut in small, rather uniformly sized blocks. The front elevation of the stone section has been sheathed with buff rough cast or stucco. No decorative masonry could be seen where the stonework is exposed. According to the owner, the concrete block portion of the house, consisting of its two eastern bays, was added about 1915. The brick cased wing extending to the north shows evidence of having had a one story porch along its west elevation. Its bricks are laid in all stretcher bond with small iron tie rods or pins placed at intervals to hold the bricks to the inner log structure.

All windows have narrow frames. Those in the stone section as well as several windows in the concrete block structure have 12 over 12 light double hung sashes while six over six pane sashes are used in other window openings. Hipped roof dormers protrude from each slope of the roof. Each has pairs of single pane sashes.

The front entrance is located in the center bay of the south elevation and is topped with a high transom.

The main section of the house has a hipped roof which is sheathed with modern asphalt shingles. The roof structure appears to date from the time of the Ca. 1915 addition. Small brick chimneys with several courses of corbeling at their tops are located inside the west end wall and north of the center of the roof where the stone and block sections join.

East of the dwelling is a one story, hip roofed masonry outbuilding and a large frame bank barn with decorative metal ventilators projecting from the peak of its roof. Other outbuildings relating to domestic and agricultural use are also present. A segment of native fieldstone fencing is located in front of the house.

The buildings are in good condition and are located on a tract containing 155.59 acres.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The architectural merit of the house lies in its display of several construction periods and a variety of building materials. Only the concrete block section which the owner has stated was added about 1915 can be dated without further examination of the building. Both log and stone were important early building materials in northern Maryland where they were used extensively during the 18th and 19th centuries. The barn and outbuildings are important as exemplifying major architectural types in the area.

This property has changed hands many times during the 19th and 20th centuries. In 1837, the farm was purchased by David Kailor from William Geeting. (WMCK#5/516). Prior to William Geeting, the farm was owned by Elias Cheney. During the 1870's the farm was purchased by John Reichard, a member of a prominent family in the St. James, Tilghmanton area. John Reichard and other members of the Reichard family operated the Arch Spring Nursery near St. James during the late 19th century. It does not appear that John Reichard actually lived on this farm; he owned several properties in this vicinity.

This farm includes part of the land grant "Number 2". The property is also described as being part of a tract called "Montserado." The tract called "Number 2" could be one of several "reserves" which were clustered around nearby Conococheague Manor, a large piece of land containing over 10,000 acres which belonged to the 18th century Lord Proprietor. Open areas or reserves around the Manor, which were designated by number, were also claimed by the Proprietor.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Land Records.

Williams, T.J.C., History of Washington County, Hagerstown, Md:  
Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 155.59 acres.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

**Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant**

ORGANIZATION

**Washington County Historical Sites Survey**

DATE

**June 1976**

STREET & NUMBER

**County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street**

TELEPHONE

**791-3065**

CITY OR TOWN

**Hagerstown**

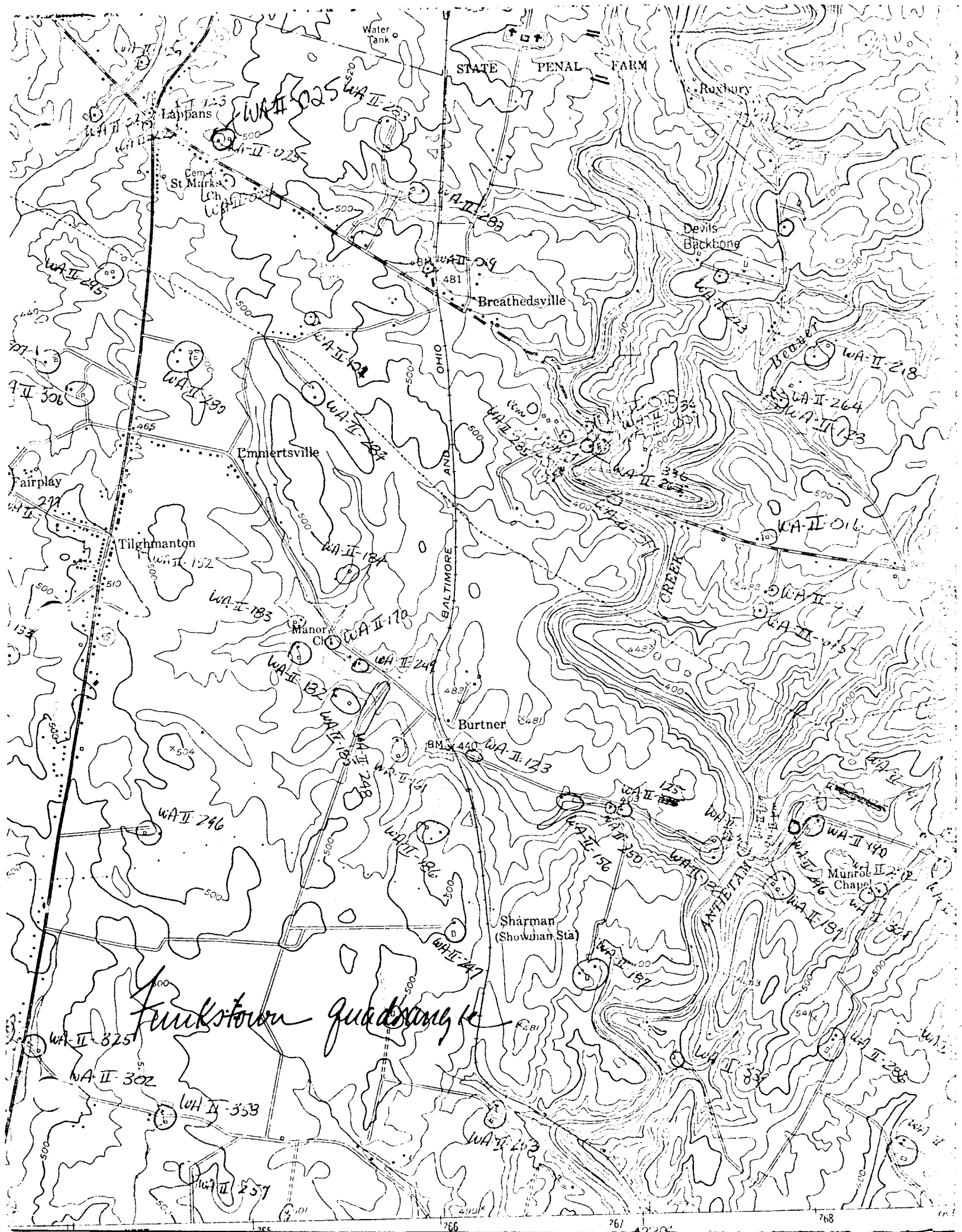
STATE

**Maryland 21740**

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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